

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2021
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: None

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Keith Reynolds, Director of the Department of Administration gave a presentation about Building Idaho's Future and the Permanent Building Fund. He was joined by Division of Financial Management's administrator, **Alex Adams** and Principal Financial Management Analyst, **David Hahn**. **Monty Prow**, Director of Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections also participated in the presentation.

Dir. Reynolds explained that the Department of Administration oversees plans and projects for state funded building projects. The agency acts as project managers. He stated that it is not unusual for the Governor to recommend additional money for projects to bolster the permanent building fund budget. Occasionally, the Legislature also includes additional funding. This year, over \$100 million was requested by state agencies.

Mr. Hahn said that the Governor has recommended \$96 million in funding to include \$43.5 million for seven capital projects; \$30 million for Critical improvement and economic stimulus; and \$22.7 million was added for alteration and repair projects to fund 63 projects at 23 agencies.

Supplemental funds are added to the budget and once approved by the legislature, immediately available. Each year, there is re-appropriation within the Permanent Building Fund. It covers costs of multi-year projects. The \$96 million will not all be spent by March 1, 2021 but approval will allow for immediate action to be taken on upcoming projects. Idaho does not approve projects unless the money is available. This is a reinvestment of all spending cuts from the past fiscal year, including the 5% across-the-board budget reduction; the hiring and salary compensation freeze; and limited year-end spending. Approximately \$400 million has been saved. \$320 million has been recommended for reinvestment and the remainder will be used for tax relief.

Monty Prow, Director of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, spoke regarding why his agency is requesting money from Idaho's Permanent Building Fund. They are seeking to replace a 1950's-era dormitory with a facility that has one-person rooms, to house youth in their care. The new building will provide a safer and healthier environment for both residents and staff as well as reduce maintenance costs.

Following the presentation, the presenters answered questions posed by committee members.

RS 28323: **Rep. Young** presented **RS 28323** to allow adoptees, who are adopted on or after July 1, 2021, to access their birth records, once they are 18 years of age. This proposed legislation will allow the Department of Vital Statistics to create an indicator on the face of the certificate, accurately identifying the relationship of the legal parents named on the certificate of the child. There will be designations for children born in Idaho and those born in foreign countries.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 28323**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Kelly Staskey
Secretary